

## Annual Timber Permits

## **Revised Permit Notice**

Revised: 10/31/13

**Purpose:** To notify you of a new TxDMV annual timber permit that will be available 11/01/13.

## Permit Information:

**Vehicles** – Vehicles hauling unrefined timber, wood chips or woody biomass in timber producing counties identified in the current Texas A&M Forest Service's Harvest Trends Report.

**Weights** – Allows a truck to carry up to 44,000 pounds on a tandem axle, provided the gross weight of the vehicle or vehicle combination does not exceed 84,000 pounds.

Travel – Permit holders may travel on county roads and state-maintained roadways, excluding the Interstate Highway System, in timber counties selected on the permit application. Permit holders may not travel over a load-restricted bridge or road when exceeding posted limits. However, a county commissioners court may authorize a permit to allow a vehicle or vehicle combination to travel on a load-restricted county bridge or road even though the vehicle or vehicle combination exceeds posted limits.

**TxDOT & County Notification** – At least two business days prior to movement, the permit holder must electronically notify TxDOT and affected counties through the TxDMV website of the address or geographical area where the carrier intends to operate, including the name or number of each county or state road and the dates or duration of movement.

Fees - Annual permit fee is \$1,500.

**Letter of Credit or Bond Requirements** – Prior to permit issuance, an original Timber Permit Bond or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit in the amount of \$15,000 must be on file with TxDMV. Forms available at <a href="https://www.TxDMV.gov">www.TxDMV.gov</a>, click on the truck icon, select "Forms" and then "OS/OW Permits."

**Windshield Sticker** – Permit stickers must be affixed to the windshield of permitted vehicles. Timber Permits are mailed to applicants; they are not available at TxDMV offices.

**Note:** Carriers of unrefined timber, wood chips or woody biomass may still purchase and operate with the currently available Over Axle/Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permit.

## Action Required:

Starting 11/01/13, use one of the following methods to apply for the Timber Permit:

Online: Apply using TxPROS <a href="http://TxPROS.TxDMV.gov/">http://TxPROS.TxDMV.gov/</a>

For information on how to use TxPROS, including step-by-step video tutorials, go to the TxDMV website at <a href="http://www.TxDMV.gov/motor-carriers/oversize-overweight-permits/txpros-info-and-tutorials">http://www.TxDMV.gov/motor-carriers/oversize-overweight-permits/txpros-info-and-tutorials</a>.

Fax: Submit completed Form MCD 1756 to: (512) 302-2154

Mail: Submit completed Form MCD 1756 to:

TxDMV-MCD - Timber P.O. Box 13529

Austin, Texas 78711-3529

Find Application Form MCD 1756 under Oversize/Overweight Permits on the TxDMV website.

Contact Information: **Texas Department of Motor Vehicles** 

Motor Carrier Division - Oversize/Overweight Permits Section

Phone: 1-800-299-1700, option 1

www.TxDMV.gov

Visit our Motor Carrier portal for all your TxDMV needs http://www.TxDMV.gov/motor-carriers.

**Reference:** 

The Timber Permit authorized by House Bill 2741, passed by the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature. Refer to Transportation Code, Chapter 623, Subchapter Q (Vehicles Transporting Timber), Sections 623.321

through 623.325.